



Eastern Suburbs Railway, Sydney - 1979-

Description

An Eastern Suburbs Railway was one of those originally proposed by John Bradfield that was cut short by the Great Depression and World War 2. An initial alignment had been set in 1926, which saw the line go North from underneath Railway Square next to Central Station up to Town Hall, before heading Northeast towards stations at Pitt Street and O'Connell Street, then going South to St James Station until it would head East roughly along Oxford Street towards Bondi Junction. Plans to build the line surfaced again after World War 2 in 1947, this time on the Kings Cross alignment that it would eventually follow. Future plans for an extension to North Bondi and Rose Bay were also on the table this time. After another brief period of construction, the project was abandoned again in 1952. A third attempt to build the Eastern Suburbs Line commenced in 1967 and the line was finally opened on 23 June 1979 by then New South Wales premier Neville Wran around 50 years after it was first planned and 31 years after construction began - construction had taken place at a rate of approximately 250 metres per year on average.

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Supporting material

- [Eastern Suburban Railway, Monument Australia website item. \(PDF 1.11 MB\) \(https://portal.engineersaustralia.org.au/system/files/engineering-heritage-australia/other-supporting-material/Eastern%20Suburbs%20Railway%20Engineering%20Plaque%20 %20Monument%20](#)

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